



# VolunteerBloomington!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "There is nothing to make you like other human beings so much as doing things for them." ~ Zora Neale Hurston

February 4, 2015

## 'Growing Opportunities' Greenhouse Education

'Growing Opportunities' is a new social-business project of the South Central Community Action Program which provides job-training opportunities for people with low-incomes with barriers to employment. Greenhouse education volunteers will assist individuals of varying ages and abilities, such as persons with traumatic brain injury, mental illness, memory impairment, or physical disabilities. Volunteers must be able to tolerate summer heat, occasionally lift heavy items and kneel for extended periods of time. A background in social work, nursing, teaching, or experience working with persons with disabilities is helpful, but not required. Minimum age is 18; 15 if with an adult. Please contact Nikki Wooten at (812) 339-3447 ext. 233 or [nicole@insccap.org](mailto:nicole@insccap.org). ([www.insccap.org](http://www.insccap.org))

## Global Gifts Volunteer Orientation – Feb. 16

Global Gifts is always in need of enthusiastic volunteers for the store, which is largely volunteer-run. If you are passionate about other cultures, helping enable impoverished people in the developing world, and promoting fair trade, fair wages and environmentalism, then this is a great opportunity for you! Volunteers provide excellent customer service, assist in store operations and spread the mission of fair trade. Attendance at a volunteer orientation is required; the next session will be from 7-8 p.m. on Feb. 16. Volunteers then commit to work two shifts per month for a minimum of 3 months. Shifts are 3-5 hours long. Minimum age is 15. Please RSVP by contacting Nicole Main at (812) 336-7402 or [btownvolunteer@globalgiftsindy.com](mailto:btownvolunteer@globalgiftsindy.com). ([www.globalgiftsft.com](http://www.globalgiftsft.com))

## Plant Native Shrubs – Feb. 26

The Sycamore Land Trust is seeking volunteers to assist them as they plant native shrubs on their office property on Bloomington's east side, filling in an area where invasive plants have been removed. The native species will improve wildlife habitat and beautify the office grounds. Volunteers are needed from 1-4 p.m. on Feb. 26. Minimum age is 16. Please contact John Lawrence by Feb. 24 at (812) 336-5382 ext. 105 or [john@sycamorelandtrust.org](mailto:john@sycamorelandtrust.org). ([www.sycamorelandtrust.org](http://www.sycamorelandtrust.org))

## Nonprofit Board Certificate Seminar - Feb. 27

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is offering the Nonprofit Board Certificate Seminar from 1-5 p.m. on Fri., Feb. 27. This is a supplement to the orientation offered by each nonprofit organization. Participants will improve their understanding of their responsibilities, obligations and expectations - legally, financially and ethically. The presenter, Al Lyons, has extensive experience teaching, writing and consulting on this and many other topics related to nonprofit management. Cost is \$25 per person. To register go to [www.BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org/BoardCertificateProgram](http://www.BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org/BoardCertificateProgram) or contact Bet Savich at (812) 349-3472 or [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov). ([www.bloomingtonvolunteernetwork.org](http://www.bloomingtonvolunteernetwork.org))

## Conduct Accessibility Surveys

The City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility (CCA) is recruiting volunteers to survey a variety of locations to determine their accessibility for people with disabilities. Volunteers work in pairs, with all training provided. Accessibility screeners check locations using established criteria for parking; path of travel; entrance; elevators, stairs and railings; common areas; restrooms; and customer service. Qualifying businesses are presented with a decal to display on their storefronts. Minimum age is 18. For details, please contact the CCA liaison at (812) 349-3433 or [cca@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:cca@bloomington.in.gov). ([www.bloomington.in.gov/cca](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/cca))

*The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit [bloomington.in.gov/volunteer](http://bloomington.in.gov/volunteer) or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.*

## Community Wish List Spotlight

### Cry of the Children

Improves the quality of life for adolescents in Bloomington by providing programs and services that enhance and promote the development of effective life and decision-making skills. To grant a wish, contact Dellsie Boddie at (812) 361-4059 or [cryofthechildren@gmail.com](mailto:cryofthechildren@gmail.com). ([www.cryofthechildren.com](http://www.cryofthechildren.com))

**Wishes:** educational DVDs, gift cards (for theaters, restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores), robotic kits, Legos, games, building & space

*Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.*